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To edit and distribute a photo album, a server system stores low and high quality digital representations of photographs. The server system sends the low quality representations to a remote client computer where a user edits pages of the photo album using an interactive display. The client computer then sends an editing result to the server system, including identifiers of the selected photographs. The server system retrieves and prints the high quality digital representation of the selected photographs. The user may also select positions of the photographs on pages. The client computer may also perform user selected transformations of the photographs, with corresponding transformation commands being sent to the server system to execute corresponding transformations on the high quality representations before printing.